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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGO'S VISIT TO U.S.

TAGS: OCLR OVIP GB US (BONGO, ALBERT BERNARD)

REFS: (A) STATE 222567; (B) LIBREVILLE 1772

1. EMBOFF SAW ROVING AMBASSADOR MAURICE LE FLEM WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS IN REF A.

2. THE AIRCRAFT USED BY PRESIDENT BONGO IS A DC-8-63, REGISTRATION TR LTZ, RADIO CODE GLAF. PILOT WILL REVIEW PART 91 OF U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS (PARA 2, REF A).

3. GABONESE USUALLY HAVE UTA AS HANDLING AGENT; IF UTA DOES NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIVE, AIR FRANCE WILL TAKE CARE OF PARKING, REFUELING, ETC. GABONESE WILL LEAVE IT FOR USG DECISION WHETHER JFK OR LAGUARDIA WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT AIRPORT FOR STOP IN NEW YORK (PARA 3, REF A). LE FLEM SAID WE WOULD BE CONTACTED IF THERE WERE ANY  
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CHANGES IN THE ITINERARY; DEPARTURE TIME FROM MEXICO

HAS ALREADY BEEN DELAYED TO 2300 HOURS SEPTEMBER 14  
BECAUSE OF AN EVENING ENGAGEMENT IN MEXICO.

4. GABONESE ARE GRATEFUL FOR SECRET SERVICE ARRANGE-  
MENTS. THEY FORESEE NO PROBLEM IN PROVIDING SIX SPACES  
FOR SECRET SERVICE ON LOS ANGELES - NEW YORK FLIGHT  
(PARA 4).

5. GABONESE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OFFICIAL MEETING AND  
GREETING ARRANGEMENTS AS SUGGESTED PARA 6. BONGO  
WILL REMAIN ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT DULLES. AS  
FOR CALLS BY BUSINESS LEADERS IN LOS ANGELES AND NEW  
YORK, GABONESE ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE  
KNOWING THE NAMES AND BACKGROUND OF SUCH VISITORS PRIOR  
TO ACCEPTING INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS.

6. GABONESE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF TYPING UP  
THE FINAL LIST OF THOSE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY BONGO ON THE  
MEXICO/U.S. TRIP; WE SHOULD HAVE A LIST SHORTLY AND WILL  
FORWARD IT TO ADDRESSEES.

LE 7. LE FLEM SAID THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARTY  
DID NOT YET HAVE U.S. VISAS. THEY WILL TRY TO COLLECT  
THESE PASSPORTS AND GET VISAS TOMORROW.  
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